



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Salute to Small Business Week

WHEREAS, for centuries, Rhode Island's progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risks, and work hard; and

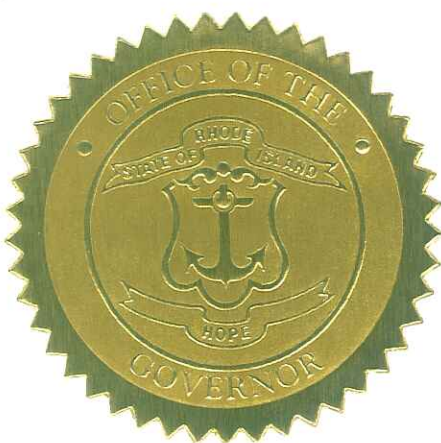
WHEREAS, during the Salute to Small Business Week we celebrate the generations of entrepreneurs who have given their all to realize a dream and renew our promise to help their businesses grow, hire, and succeed; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and we must ensure our state recovers and rebuilds not only from the top down, but also from the bottom up and the middle out; and

WHEREAS, our nation and state have always believed that anyone with a solid plan and a willingness to work hard can turn even an improbable idea into a successful business; and

WHEREAS, for generations, that powerful notion has been at the heart of the American promise, forging a legacy of bold entrepreneurship that lives on today and lights the path to a brighter tomorrow; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim May 27 – June 2, 2012 Salute to Small Business Week and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 25th day of May, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State



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Special Olympics
Rhode Island State Summer Games Commencement

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics Rhode Island State Summer Games will hold its 44th Annual competition on June 1-3, 2012 at the University of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, police, firefighters, state troopers, correctional officers and FBI officials from across Rhode Island will relay the Special Olympics Rhode Island *Flame of Hope* across the state beginning at the Rhode Island State House on Friday, June 1 through various cities and towns to the University of Rhode Island for the 2012 Special Olympics Rhode Island State Summer Games Opening Ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the Torch Run Committee hopes to raise over \$200,000 for Special Olympics Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the Police, Fire and Corrections Torch Run is an international event to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics, which provides year-round sports training and competition for more than one million children and adults who have intellectual disabilities and/or a closely related developmental disability; and

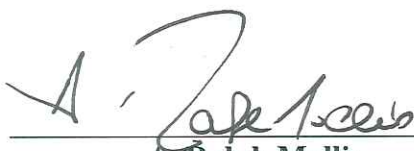
WHEREAS, Special Olympics athletes will "Inspire Greatness" as they compete in athletics, aquatics, bowling, cycling, motor activities training program, powerlifting and unified soccer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim the June 1, 2012 Police, Fire and Corrections Torch Run as the beginning of the 2012 Annual Special Olympics Rhode Island's State Summer Games.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 29th day of May, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
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Men's Health Week

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and

WHEREAS, the Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

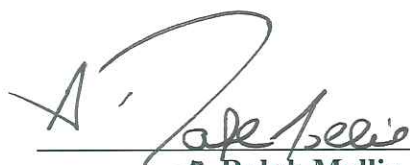
WHEREAS, the citizens of this state are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim June 11-17, 2012 Men's Health Week and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognition of the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 29th day of May, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


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